Gods late mercy to England, in

Diſcovering of three damnable Plots by the Treacherous Papiſts and Ieſuits in England

and Wales, and many other places, &c.

First, againſt the honorable Lords and Commons now in Parliament, who ſhould have bin murdered by the Papiſts, &c.

A ſecond Treaſon diſcovered againſt the Proteſtants of *England* in generall. and Citizens of *London* in particular.

A third diſcovery of the damnable plot at *Rugland* Caſtle in *Monmouth-ſhire*, lately found out by *John Davis*.

The chiefe Agent in this helliſh plot, is ſuppoſed to be the Earle of *Worſter*.

Together with an order of the Lords and Commons for the apprehending of all Prieſts and Ieſuites, dated 15. *November* laſt paſt.

With ſome Queres preſented to the high Court of Parliament concerning all the former plots.

London Priuted for *F. Coules*, and *T. Bates*. 1641.

Die Lunæ 15. *Novemb.* 1641.

An Order of the Lords for the apprehending of Prieſts *and* Ieſuites.

IT is this day Ordered by the Lords in Parliament, That Father *Iones*, and Father *Andrewes*, and all other Romiſh Prieſts and Ieſuites ſhall bee forth-with taken and apprehended by his Majeſties Iuſtices of Peace and others his Majeſties Officers, and put into ſafe Cuſtody untill the pleaſure of this Houſe bee further Knowne, and then their Names ſhall be returned unto the Lords in Parliament, and that any man that ſhall diſcover any Popiſh Prieſts or Ieſuites, and procure them to bee apprehended; ſhall bee rewarded by the Parliament.

Io. Browne Cler. Parliamentor.

Gods late mercy to England, in discovering of 3. damnable Plots.

THe mercies of our God are manifold, as may be plainely seene, by this strange Discovery, which he hath made knowne in a most miraculous manner, which wee of *England*, and all true Protestants have just cause to praise God, and to cry out with *David*, *Lord what is man that thou art mindfull of him : or the Sonne of man that thou regardest him ?* What are wee sinners that thou shouldest protect us ? What have wee done, worth this great deliverance ? Surely the mercies of our God, are manifold, and his Love endureth for ever, (as may appeare in this affaire which I am now to discourse of.

The manner of the Plot, and how it pleased God to bring it to light.

ON Munday being the fifteenth day of *November*, it happened that a poore man being necessitated, & wanting a Lodging, fearing Officers having bin imprisoned, was constrained to take up his Lodging in a Ditch, neere the Pest-house, where lying some small time, two Gentlemen came and lay downe upon the banke, who after they had laine some small time, began to discourse of businesse of eminent danger, which induced this poore man to give eare to their Discourse, and softly to creepe by degrees neerer and neerer, so that he could easily understand their discourse, and their intentions.

The substance of their Discourse.

Their Discourse was this, That they wondred that their friend did not come and declare what Noble men they were, that were to be cut off in this enterprise ; withall the manner

how they ſhould proceed in their attempt, and many other things of dangerous conſequence, which made the poore man very deſirous to ſee what outſides thoſe men had, that were ſo fraught with Treaſon: At laſt riſing up haſtily, he was diſcoveree by the men, whoſe guilt and feare to be known, urged them ſo far, that they were ready to adde Murther to Treaſon: For immediately one of them drew his Sword, and ran at the innocent man and wounded him dangerouſly, ſo that he fell downe as if he were killed, then immediately they ran away. The poore man when they were gone, got up as well as he could, and came to ſome members of the Houſe of Parliament, and diſcovered it, whereupon the Houſe then ſent out three Warrants for to take three French-men *which they did ſuſpect, who being taken were brought to the Parliament Houſe the* 16. *of* November, *and upon their examinations there was command given that the Earle of* Worceſters *houſe in the Strand ſhould be garded, and Sir* Baſil Brooks, *becauſe they did ſuſpect that a Papiſt Prieſt was harbord there, which was a chiefe incendiary and inventor of this treachery.*

Likewiſe it was ordered by the Houſe of Commons that forces ſhould bee raiſed with all ſpeed to ſecure the Ile of Wight.

1. That there ſhould bee an account taken of all the Papiſts about *London.*

2. There was two Lor 's nominated, that ſhould be appointed to raiſe Forces to ſecure the Kingdome, one beyond Trent, and the other on this ſide Trent, and for all other Officers they are to be appointed by the Parliament.

3. That there ſhould bee a privy ſearch made for the Prieſt aforeſaid, in the houſe of the Earle of *Worceſter,* and Sir *Baſil Brooke,* and to prevent further miſchiefe, there is a Guard ſet about them by the Command of the Houſe of Parliament.

The 16. of *November.*

Likewiſe this day there is an Order from the Parliament, for diſarming of Papiſts, and for the better proceeding they began at my Lord Peeters *in Alderſgate-ſtreet.* *A*

A second Treason discovered, a horrible Plot against the Protestants of England *in generall, and the Citizens of* London *in particular.*

Thomas Beale examined in Parliament 15. of *November* last, and is living in *White-crosse-street*, concerning this plot. On the Sabbath day last, the sayd yong man late at night passing through *Moore-fields* did over-heare divers fellows talking about some plots against eminent men in the Parliament house. One said, he had received forty shillings in hand to murder some. Another of them said, he had received a larger summe to doe the like enterprize, which should have taken effect last thursday night. At length they espied this young man, and fearing to be discovered, would have kild him; but hee fled away; and went to the Parliament house the next day, and discovered all, with great confidence, telling them of that murder which they intended against many of both houses, with Mr. *Pym*, and others.

Upon which relation, the houses of Parliament sate very late on Munday night last, and the Lords and others of both Houses were conducted to their lodgings and houses by most of the trained Bands in *Middlesex* the same night.

On the morrow very early both Houses met, whereupon serious deliberation, t was immediately concluded that the House of the said Earle of *Worcesters* scituate in the Strand in the liberties of Westminster, should be by strong watch guarded both by Land and water, and that strict search should be made in the said house for the apprehending of the persons of Father *Andrewes* and father *Jones*, in the house of the Lord *Herberts*, sonne and heire to the aforesaid Lord of *Worcester*, and divers other suspitious persons supposed to be confederate in that wicked designe, who are thought also to be lurking in the said house, which search was accordingly performed the same day about eleven a a clocke in the fore-noone.

The said father *Jones* escaped out of a backe doore into the Say; and father *Andrews* was taken in the French ordinary, over against the Lord *Herberts* house, and is now in custody.

Another great Plot of the damnable Discovery at *Ragland* Castle in *Herefordshire*. Lately found out by *John Davis*. The chiefe agent in this hellish Plot, is the Earle of *Worcester*.

John Davis being newly come to *London* chanced to bee at Alderman *Allens*, one of the Aldermen of the City of *London*: and being formerly acquainted with his Coachman, related unto him the discovery of a dangerous plot, which the Earle of *Worcester* hath cunningly contrived at this time.

Which when the Coach-man had heard related, he acquainted his Master, the said Alderman *Allen* therewith, who caused him to be brought in unto him, and asking him further of it, he thought it worthy the consideration of the honourable Assembly in the High Court of Parliament, and therefore brought the said *John Davis* before the house of Commons on Friday last, being the 12. day of November. The said *John Davis* being called into the house to relate this discovery, was commanded by Master Speaker to relate what he knew of it.

May it please your Honour to give me leave to speake the truth, so neare as I can, as I haue formerly done to this Gentleman Mr. *Allen*: I am (and it please your Honors,) a poore man, the servant of Mistris *Lewis*, she keepes an Inne at the Towne of *Ross*, in *Herefordshire*.

And not long since, there came two Gentlemen to lodge at my Mistresses house; who when they went away, desired of my mistris a guide to conduct them to the Earle of *Worcester* at *Ragland* Castle in *Monmouthshire*. Now my Mistris keeping a good Gelding or two alwayes in the stable: in case any guests should want upon any urgent occasion, I knowing of the way thither very well, it pleased my Mistris to appoint me to goe with them, which I did, and returned home againe orderly,

derly, as I use to doe, receiving satisfaction for my paine. Afterwards againe there came a very personable Gentleman to our Inne himselfe alone, having no company at all: who having layne there all night, desired my Mistris likewise to have some man to conduct him to the said Castle, to the aforesaid Earle of *Worcesters*, and she sent me with him also, as shee did before with the other two.

So in the next morning we set out, and I rode with him on the way, to the said Earls house.

And when wee came to the Castle, hee alighted, and caused mee to alight also: hee was a very portly man for person; he had a Monteer on his head, with a red feather in it, and very rich in apparell, and going into the house he called for some water to wash his hands, which was brought to him in a pewter Bason, but he refused, as being unwilling to wash in pewter, then he called for a Venice Glasse, which glasse they brought with water, holding about a quart: which glasse he tooke, and set the bottome of it in the bason of water; for the top he could not, being about a foot high, there he set it, and washed his hands in it.

To what end this Ceremony was used, I do not know, your honours can better judge of it then I. Then I having conducted this gentleman hither, he paid me, and gave me satisfaction, and my horse was set in the Earles stable to meat a while, to the end, that afterward I might the better returne home. I being there in the stable saw many light horses, and falling into discourse with the Groome of the stable, he shewed me to the number of about three score horses prepared for war.

And hee seemed to me, to goe about to entice me by many perswasions, and enticements to have an affection to stay there.

After he had shewed me all that was in that stable, he led me to a Vault under the ground, which went round about the Castle where was made an obscure stable: in which I perceived about 12. light horses, but it was darke I could not well see.

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In another place under ground, he shewed me furniture for about sixe or seuenscore of horse. In which place was furniture also for about 2. thousand men, with great store of match and powder, and other Ammunition belonging to war, in abundance: one of these stables I ghes to to be about 120. foot in length, and 24 foot in bredth.

Then hee was leading mee to shew me the Vault that went round about the Castle: but I was fearfull, partly having regard to my charge, the Gelding wheron I rode, least I should be cosoned of him, and partly in regard I was in so dangerous a place: therefore I desired to make the more hast away.

Then hee turned with mee to my horse againe, and amongst other discourse, hee told mee that his master the Earle of *Worcester*, gave notice privately, that any man who would be entertained, should have sixteene pence a day good pay from him, in case they would be true to him. And to presse me, as I conceive, to have some desire to serve him, he told me that his master had at this time 700. men under pay. But I, being nothing at all pleased with this discourse, hasted away to return to my own businesse at home, where I returned immediatly: and now by Gods providence, am come hither to acquaint your honours with what I know.

After the house had heard him speake, they tooke notice of it, and appointed him to come againe certaine dayes before them.

In the meane time, great care is taken, to provide for his safety, and great charge given at his lodging that hee shall want for nothing.

Quaries upon this Plot, presented to the Parliament.

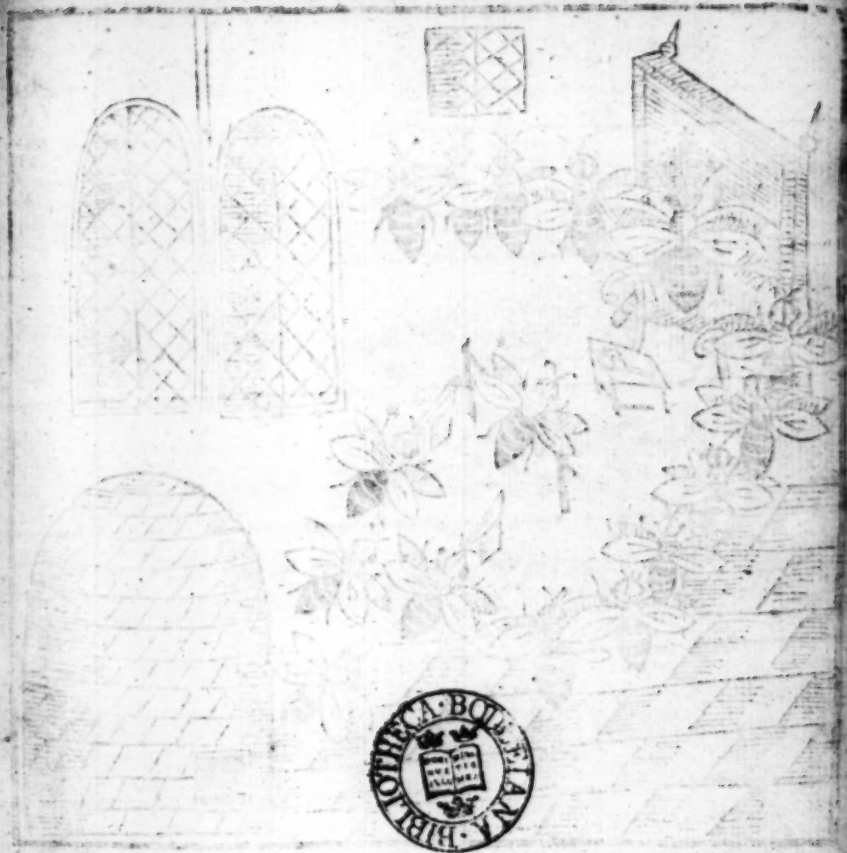
1 WHether Father *Phillips* was not an agent in this plot?

2 Whether there be not more such evill-affected plotters in *Wales* besides?

3 What evill consequence might ensue of our hopefull Princes going to such a place.

4 What punishment they are worthy of, who shall seeke to have him there?

5 Whether we have not as just cause to feare the Papists in *England*, as they had in *Ireland*. FINIS.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